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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 21, 2000, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 25-35 remain for consideration. Claims 31-35 have been withdrawn from consideration in view of a restriction requirement. The Examiner has made the restriction final. Applicants' herewith file a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.144 to request the examination of claims 31-35 along with the other pending claims.

Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 25-30 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following comments.

Rejections Over Kambe et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7-9 and 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,099,798 to Kambe et al. (the Kambe patent). The Examiner noted that the Kambe patent discloses varistors formed from zinc oxide nanoparticles. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection based on the following comments.

Applicants note that the present application is a **continuation-in-part** of U.S. Patent Application 08/962,362 (the